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Dear John:

I trust you still recall with satisfaction, as we do, the visit that you and your colleagues paid us last March tenth. As we indicated was our intention at the time, we followed up on that visit by holding two others, one in June and the other on October twenty-sixth. All three of these meetings with university presidents were organized on the same ground rules: the fact that they occurred was not considered classified information but we saw no reason to give them publicity.

We are now, however, in receipt of a request under the Freedom of Information Act for copies of the letters of invitation and any other materials prepared for the visit that took place on June fourteenth. Obviously, we must be prepared for similar requests regarding the two other visits. If such requests are received regarding the visit in which you participated we shall probably be obliged to comply by providing copies of the letters of invitation and of the schedules for the day. I believe we may assume that you would have no objection to this release. I do, however, invite any comment regarding it that you may care to make.

We firmly believe that visits to the Agency such as the one in which you participated have been of benefit on both sides. We are especially grateful to our visitors for their interest, their candor, and the probing questions they have directed to our people. We have certainly learned a great deal that is useful for us to know about the conduct of our relations with academia. We also hope, and dare believe, that our guests left us with a better understanding of our appreciation of academic values as well as of how we do our job of collecting and assessing foreign intelligence.

Sincerely,

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